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GENERAL PLAN

RECREATION ELEMENT

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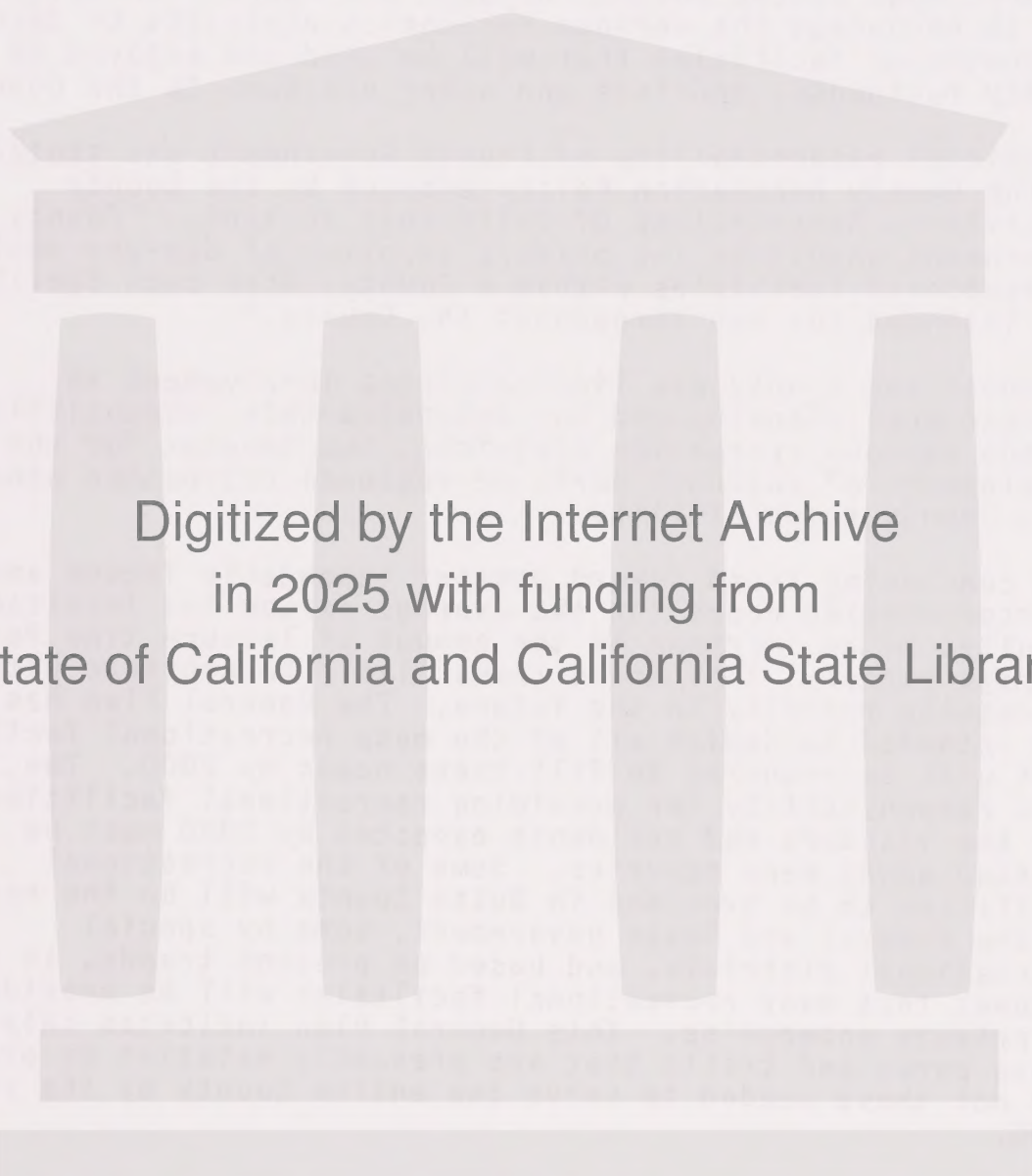
Parks

The primary function of County Government in the field of parks and recreation should be the conservation of large natural open spaces suited for park and recreation development and to encourage the various recreation districts to develop recreational facilities that will be used and enjoyed by County residents, tourists and other visitors to the County.

A regional responsibility of County Government was stated in the County Recreation Policy adopted by the County Supervisors Associations of California in 1960. "County Government should be the primary supplier of day-use regional recreational facilities within a County, when such facilities are intended for use throughout the County."

Although the County has limited direct involvement in recreational planning and has delegated this responsibility to the various recreation districts, the impetus for the development of regional parks or regional recreation areas is a County responsibility.

The continuing trend toward greater expendable income and shorter working hours for the average person has inevitably resulted in an increase in the amount of leisure time for the average person. This trend seems likely to continue with increasing rapidity in the future. The General Plan has not intended to depict all of the many recreational facilities that will be required to fill these needs by 2000. The full responsibility for providing recreational facilities for the visitors and residents expected by 2000 must be divided among many agencies. Some of the recreational facilities to be provided in Butte County will be the result of the Federal and State government, some by special recreational districts, and based on present trends, it is evident that many recreational facilities will be provided by private enterprise. This General Plan indicates only those parks and trails that are presently existing or proposed and not those needed to serve the entire County by the year 2000.



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Tourism

Tourism is a very important factor in the present and future economic development of the County. The County has been an attraction for people over the years because of its renowned beauty, hunting and fishing, and historic past. The warm, dry climate, open spaces, and water recreation mean much to people seeking rest, relaxation, sunshine, and a pleasant environment. With the addition of the Oroville Lake and the increased mobility and expendable income devoted to leisure, the County can expect increased tourism and as a revenue producing factor, it will become increasingly important in the years ahead.

The General Plan proposes that greater advantage be taken of the natural opportunities which exist within the area. The County will benefit tremendously from the works included in the state-water project facilities. If the physical works comprising this system are fully developed for recreation, fish and wildlife purposes as well as for the primary purpose of water supply, they should materially add to the value of water resources development by providing additional opportunities for diverse recreational activities.

A corollary to this development is the economic benefit which can accrue on both a state-wide and regional basis in the areas in which each project is completed. Campers, fishermen, swimmers, boating enthusiasts, and others will be attracted to these areas. Not only will they help increase the economic development of the region wherein the project is located, but through purchases of recreational equipment, travel, and lodging expenditures will aid the economy in the urbanized areas along the routes of travel. Recreation is as much an industry on which the Butte County economy could depend as is agriculture and manufacturing if there is optimum development of recreational facilities.

To date, the facilities which were originally proposed for the Oroville Lake Project have been only partially funded by the State and only a fraction of the development has been realized. The Loafer Creek area of the recreational development plan has been partially developed but still falls far short of the total development as proposed by the Department of Water Resources Recreation Plan. Of the 1200 campsites, 800 picnic tables, and numerous ancillary facilities, only a small portion has been constructed. Although the County has constructed a boat ramp and mooring

facilities at the Limesaddle Recreational Area, the picnic, camping or beach areas as proposed in the development plan have not been constructed, nor are they proposed for construction in the near future. The same is true of the development that was proposed for the Forebay and Thermalito Afterbay Recreation Areas. Some picnicking facilities and partial completion of the proposed parking facilities have been accomplished at the Forebay site, however, it is not developed as originally proposed. The Development Plan for the Oroville Borrow Area which would have provided extensive waterfowl hunting, fishing, camping and picnicking has never been developed. 1970 was the year assumed for the completion of initial development. The State estimate for recreation use at the borrow area gives some indication of the revenue from tourism lost to the County. The County will not realize the full benefits of the Oroville Lake Project until facilities constructed to accommodate vacationing visitors offering a full range of accommodations for recreation and living, with the necessary amenities are available to those wishing to visit and vacation in Butte County. It is recommended that every effort to encourage the State to complete the Recreation Development Plan be made for the Feather River Project.



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RECREATION ELEMENT - TRAILS & STATE WATER RECREATION AREAS

Park Types

State and Federal Recreational Areas:

State and Federal recreational facilities are used by visitors as well as residents of the County. Although a considerable number of the day users of the State recreational areas are Butte County residents, in the future, it is expected that the continued population growth in the Sacramento and Bay areas coupled with increased expendable income and leisure time and improved access will result in increased usage from out-of-town residents. The State recreational areas are sufficiently large to accommodate most of the present overnite demands for those months when the weather permits use of the foothill and mountain areas. However, because of the limited day use facilities on State and Federal land, and since none are provided by the County, it is doubtful that the present facilities will satisfy all of the public's basic recreational needs in the coming years. The State and Federal agencies should be encouraged to expand the recreational facilities as rapidly as possible.

Riding and Hiking Trails

Another significant element of the total recreational program is the provision of adequate riding and hiking trails. The County Staff has completed a comprehensive study for riding and hiking trails for Butte County in conjunction with the Butte County Trails Committee and various groups from other jurisdictions. The researching encompassed did not include a comprehensive examination of riding and hiking trails on a County-wide basis. It did, however, attempt to coordinate the various suggestions from interested groups and the Trails Committee and incorporate the suggestions into an overall plan for future consideration. The plan as presented should be supplemented at a future date with a detailed riding and hiking element after completion of the necessary research and analysis.

Neighborhood and Community Parks.

Neighborhood and community parks provide for recreational uses

in proximity to the dwelling of the resident. The standards or locational criteria for these parks are not included in this plan. Instead, it is expected that the standards for this type of facility will vary somewhat throughout the County, depending upon the recreational policy of the various city and recreational districts.

The County District or Regional Parks

A County regional park site should be scenic in character and large enough to serve at the inter-city County level. This type of park conserves natural open space for the use and enjoyment of people, while allowing space to accommodate both passive and active recreational activities; Development should be concentrated so that the character of the land will not be destroyed.

District or Regional Park Standards

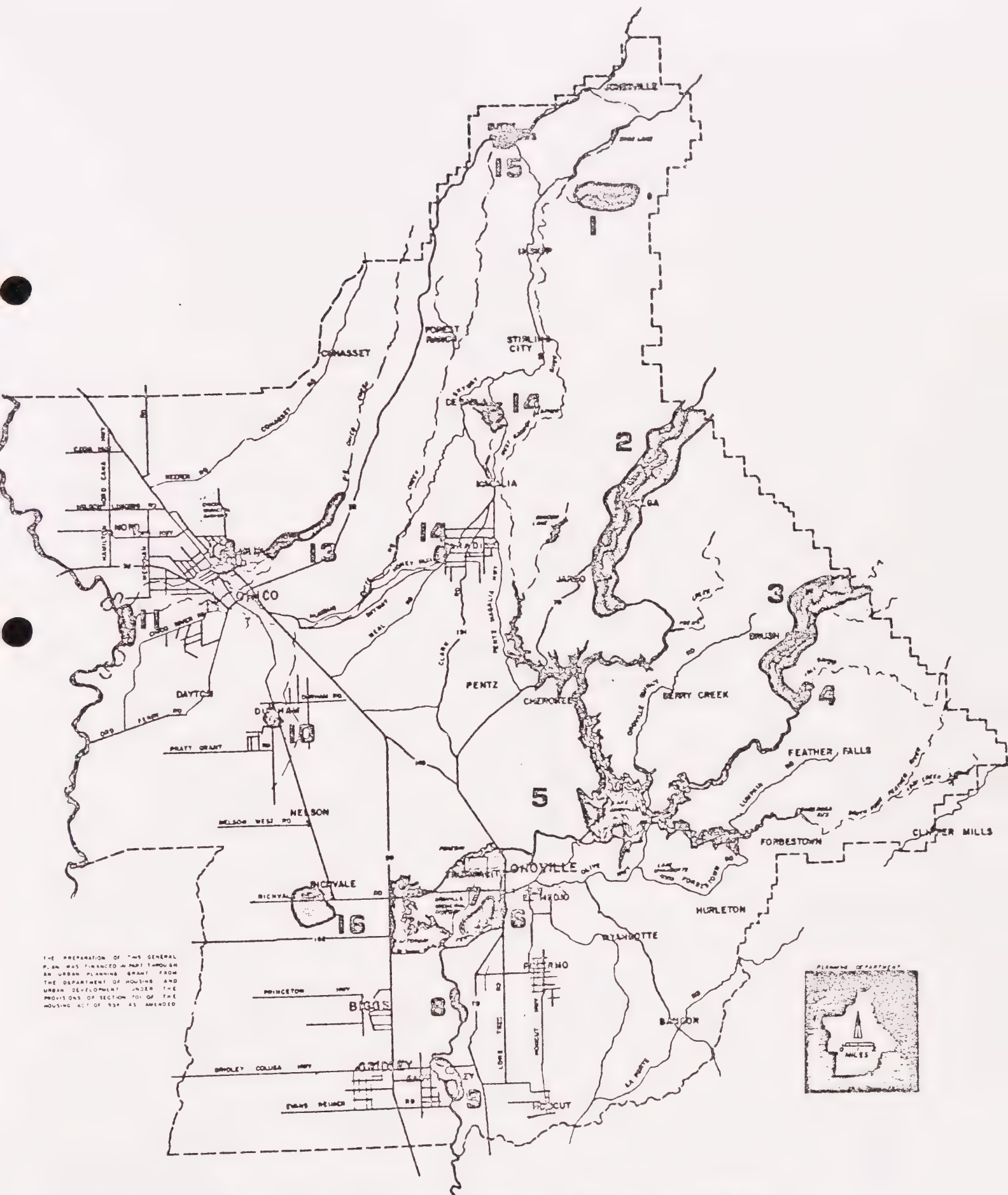
<u>Acres Per 1,000 Population</u>	<u>Size of Site</u>	<u>Radius of Area Served</u>
10 - 15	100 acres minimum	5.0 miles

Type of Recreational Activity

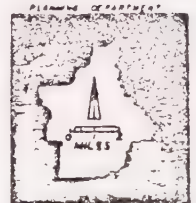
<u>Active Recreation</u>	<u>Passive Recreation</u>
1. Childrens play area	1. Picnicking
2. Field play areas	2. Fishing
3. Outdoor sports area	3. Zoos, arboretums, botanical gardens
4. Swimming	
5. Boating	
6. Hiking, riding, nature study	
7. Golf	

In order that Butte County may continue to have park and recreational facilities that will meet the needs, desires and habits of its growing population the following recommendations are made:

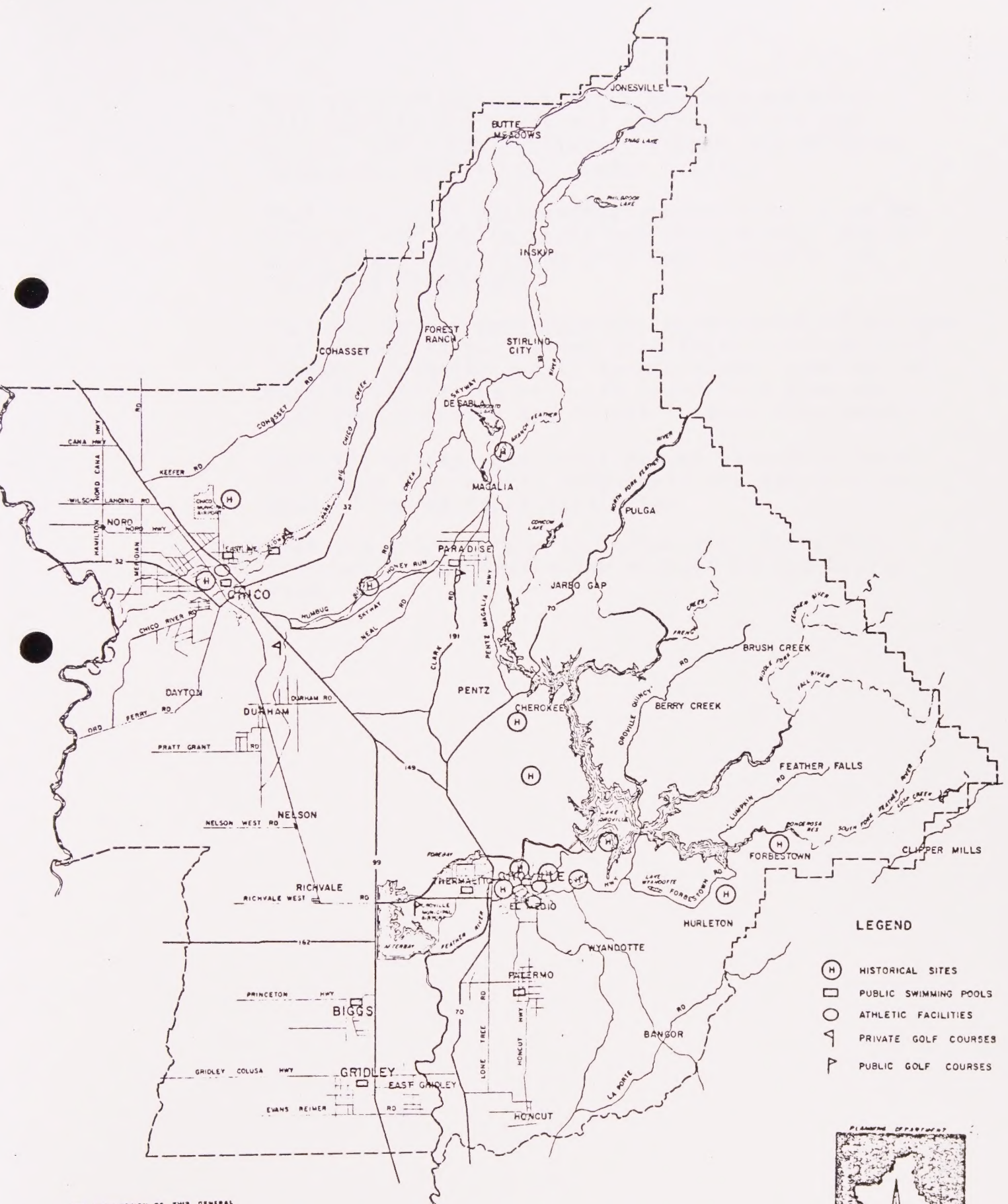
AREA	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
1 Philbrook	North of Stirling City East of Humburg Road Approx. 4 Miles	Hunting & Fishing Camps, Picnicking Facilities, Comfort Stations, Acquisition & Maintenance of Good County Road to Head of Reservoir Home-Sites	U.S. Forest Service & Putte County
2 Feather River Canyon	From Wicks Corner to Plumas County Line	Roadside Rest Stems with Picnic Facilities, Comfort Stations, Parking for Observation Points	Forest Service, Putte County State Division of Highways
3 Middle Fork Feather River	Northeast of Oroville Approx. 25 Miles Off Oro-Quincy Road & Bald Rock Road	Hunting & Fishing Camps, Observation Points, Comfort Stations, Wild & Scenic Rivers Act	Forest Service, County State Dent., Parks & Recreation, Feather River Recreation & Park District
4 Feather Falls	Off Oro-Lumby Rd. Approx. 18 Miles from Oroville	Improved Access to Falls, Observation Points, Riding and Hiking Trails, Picnicking Facilities	Forest Service, County, Pec. Dist., State Dent., Parks & Recreation
Oroville Reservoir & Facilities	Lime Saddle, Foreman Creek Bloomer, Crain, Kelly Pidge, Forehav, Loafer Creek, Goat Ranch, Afterbay, Potter Payne, Fish Hatchery Etc.	Parking, Camp, Picnic, Boat Ramp, Comfort Station Trailer, Food, Gasoline, Oil, Water, Observation Points & other Facilities to Serve the Recreation Minded Public	County, Pec. District & State Dent., Parks & Pec.
5. Feather River	South of Oroville, Near Western Canal Dam	Construction of a Check Dam to Create a Slow-Moving Water Lake for Warm Water Fishing, Boating and Water Sports Development to Include a Swimming Pool, Picnic Areas, Parking Areas, Landscaping, Boating Marina, Comfort Stations	P.G. & E. Co., County Pec. District Fish & Game, City of Oroville
7 Feather River	In Rock Piles, Southwest of Oroville	Warm Water Fishing in Sloughs & Ponds	County, Pec. District Fish & Game
8 Feather River	East of Plogs	Access to Parking, Comfort Picnicking Facilities Boat Marina Complex	County & Pec. District
9 Feather River	Near New Bridge, East of Gridlev	Access to Parking, Comfort, Picnicking Facilities, Marina with All Facilities for Boats & Water Sports	County & Pec. District
Durham	East of Putte Creek South of Oroville-Durham Highway	Extension of Existing Facilities to Include Additional Field Games, Swimming Pool, Picnic, Barbecuing, Kiddies Playground Equipment Parking Areas	Recreation District County
11 Bidwell State Park	East Bank of Sacto River Approx. 14 Miles North of Mouth of Chico Creek	Parking Areas, Boat Ramp & Docking, Picnic, Barbecuing, Comfort Stations, Concessionaire, with Service for Boaters Fishermen, Tourists, Etc. Organization	Recreation District County State Dent. of Parks & Recreation
12 Bidwell State Park	Narrow Strio-North & East of Chico Along Lindo Channel	Parking Areas, Tennis Courts, Small Pure Pifle Pande, Horsehoe Pits, Landscaping, Putting Green	Pec. Dist., County, State Dent., Parks & Recreation
13 Bidwell City Park	2400 Acres in the City of Chico & to the East	Development in Accordance as Detailed in the Chico General Plan Adopted by City of Chico	Bidwell Park Commission Chico Area Pec. District County
14 Paradise	Including the Whiskey Flat Area	Local Park Development, Including Swimming Pools, Recreation Building, Picnic & Parking Areas, Putting Greens Rowling Greens, Better Access Road to Whiskey Flat Area, Restoration Covered Bridge on Honey Run Road	Forest Service, Recreation District County
15 Butte Meadows	In the Northern Part of County on Hwy. 32	Camp Sites, Parking, Picnic, Summer Home Sites, Fishing & Hunting, Trailer Spaces, Riding & Hiking Trails, Comfort Stations, National Forest Primitive Area	Forest Service, County
16 Pichvale	Western Butte County		Recreation District & County
17 Sank Park Lott Home	Between 3rd & 4th Aves. Montgomery & Bird Sts. in City of Oroville	Development of Park & Museum Area in Accordance with General Plan of City of Oroville Park Board	Oroville Park Board, Pec. District, County
17 Chinese Temple	Between Broderick & Safford, Elma & Pine Sts. in the City of Oroville	Development & Construction of Additional Buildings to House Treasuries, Heirlooms & Other Chinese Valuables According to a General Plan of the City of Oroville Park Board	Oroville Park Board, Pec. District, County



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Butte County Comprehensive General Plan RECREATION ELEMENT - PUBLIC

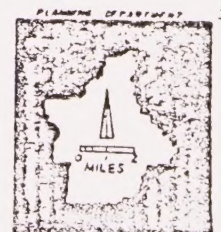


LEGEND

- (H) HISTORICAL SITES
- PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS
- ATHLETIC FACILITIES
- △ PRIVATE GOLF COURSES
- ▴ PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

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- . That recreational activities be provided which will satisfy the needs and desires of all age groups; pre-school children, school age children, teenagers, adults, and senior citizens.
- . That sites with outstanding recreational value be reserved for public parks and recreational use to avoid their development with less suitable and beneficial land-uses.
- . That the County encourage the development of private and commercial recreation facilities--such as golf courses, swimming pools, tennis clubs, camping and boating facilities etc.--in order that they may help meet existing and future leisure time needs.
- . That the County seek those monies available from the State and Federal Government for the development of recreational facilities.
- . That the plan include the Chico Area Recreation District in the recreation element of the County Plan.



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